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Latest News

Attorney General Announces Theft Charges Against Transportation Contractor

Attorney General Josh Shapiro announce that Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc., of State College, has been charged with four counts of theft relating to violations of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act and the federal Davis-Bacon Act.

“This is the largest prevailing wage criminal case on record — under Pennsylvania prevailing wage law and across the United States under federal law,” said AG Shapiro. “My focus now is on holding Hawbaker accountable for breaking the law, and getting these workers their money back.”

Hawbaker is charged with stealing more than \$20 million in fringe benefit funds from prevailing wage workers between 2015 and 2018 and using that money to pay for all company benefits and to lower company costs. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Vaccine Update

As the Commonwealth moves towards full vaccine waiting list eligibility for all residents over 16 in the coming weeks, local officials awaiting category 1c kickoff just got a little longer wait time. All prisoners and correction workers have been prioritized for the single shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine due to their congregate living facilities.

Susquehanna River Basin Commission Offers Water Level Monitoring Grants

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission is offering a new grant program to support the collection and reporting of water level data in groundwater production wells in the basin. Municipalities and municipal authorities that have existing SRBC permits groundwater are eligible to apply. Applications are due **June 30, 2021**.

Grants may be used for projects not currently collecting water level data from their wells or may be used to upgrade or replace equipment. Grants of up to \$1,500 per source are available, with a facility cap of \$7,500 per year. [Click here](#) to learn more.

National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day

National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day on April 9th honors the courageous men and women who have endured brutal treatment at the hands of their captors. As a result, they've also suffered separation from family and displayed incredible endurance and faith during their captivity.

On this day in 1942, the largest number of U.S. Forces were captured by Japanese troops in the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines. After battling through extreme conditions and prolonged battles, the captured troops were forced to march 65 miles to the prison camp. Without medical attention, food or water thousands died. The mistreatment continued for those who survived the brutal journey. In the compounds, deep in the unfamiliar jungle, the hardships, brutality, and suffering lasted more than two years for those who could survive.

Since the Revolutionary War, over half a million service members have been captured. This number does not reflect those lost or never recovered. However, each POW endures conditions much like the ones described above. These heroes deserve a day of recognition.

Learn

[New Developments in Police Liability - Guidance to Evaluate Your Police Dept.-Virtual Class- 4/9/21](#)

In this virtual class, Chris Gerber of Siana Law and Captain Ashley Heiberger (Ret.) will address new developments in police liability with a practical approach that allows for an immediate assessment of your police department's compliance with federal and state law. [Click here](#) for more information and to



register.

[2021 Emergency Management Virtual Spring Educational Forum - 4/21 & 22/21](#)

Join your EMC colleagues from around the state at this 2-day, highly-interactive online meeting, and hear informative presentations from local and state emergency management personnel and hear the latest news and information from PEMA and TEMA. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Can We Talk? The Three C's for Increased Roadway Safety - Virtual - 4/28/21](#)

This session will focus on motorist and responder safety, including how to clear roads and communicate, coordinate, and cooperate more effectively at emergency scenes. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Fire & EMS Issues in Your Township: A Panel Discussion - Virtual - 5/3/21](#)

Attend this session to hear from and question a panel of fire and EMS leaders about trends, best practices, and other public safety issues. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[The Pros and Cons of Fire Department Stipend Programs - Virtual - 5/3/21](#)

Attend this workshop to better understand stipend programs for fire departments. The presenter will discuss their implementation, successes and failures, and their relationship to regionalization. One community's experiences will be the centerpiece of this session. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



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